



Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat Grant

Local Government Division

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Imminent Threat Grants assist eligible Washington State communities in meeting unique, emergency needs that pose a serious, immediate threat to public health and safety. They provide an interim solution to problems of an urgent nature that were not evident at the time of the CDBG General Purpose funding Grant cycle.

The Washington State CDBG Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the state CDBG Program is to improve and maintain the economic and physical environment of eligible, non-entitlement cities and counties in order to enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents and, as a result, benefit the entire community.

Funds Available

\$300,000 in grant monies is available for Imminent Threat Grants in 2005. This funding level will be maintained on a funds available basis with monies that become available for the CDBG Contingency Fund throughout the year, such as recaptured funds or program income.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Eligible applicants are cities and towns with less than 50,000 in population or counties with less than 200,000 in population that are non-entitlement jurisdictions or are not participants in a HUD Urban County Entitlement Consortium.
- Non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, and special purpose organizations such as public housing authorities, port districts, community action agencies, and economic development councils, are not eligible to apply directly to the CDBG Program for funding. However, eligible jurisdictions may choose to serve Indian tribes within their jurisdiction or to involve the other organizations in the operation of projects funded under the program.
- Eligible activities must be compatible with CDBG eligible activities that include but are not limited to improvements to water, sewer and drainage facilities. Applicants must be suffering from an immediate and urgent threat to public health or safety, verified by an independent source and supported by a formal declaration of emergency.

An Imminent Threat Grant will not be considered until it is first determined the project is not eligible for a Public Works Trust Fund Emergency loan.

- Only eligible costs incurred after the emergency is formally declared can be reimbursed.
- Projects funded by CDBG must be completed within 90 days from the execution date of the grant contract.
- If approved, funding will become available once the grant contract with CTED is fully executed.

For More Information

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Application Process

An application may be submitted at any time, but will be awarded on a funds-available basis. The application consists of the following:

1. Answers to a series of questions which seek to establish the scope, severity, validity, history and impact of the imminent threat;
2. The appropriate CDBG threshold certifications, resolutions, forms, etc.
3. An official declaration of an emergency by the governing body of the applying city or county.

Method of Distribution

Applications are evaluated by CDBG program staff and verified through contacts with independent sources and site visits, if deemed appropriate. Given the limitation of funds, the review process is rigorous and intended to screen for only the most serious, emergency public health and safety threats, which are not eligible for a Public Works Trust Fund loan.